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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED JOHN C. WYSS AND DAVID J. ROGERS

REF: SECSTATE 183061

1.The Hague warmly welcomes and grants country clearance to John C. and David J. Rogers to travel to the Netherlands November 15 ? 17, 20 the Diamond Flight '07 Seminar at Volkel Air Force Base.

2.The Embassy understands that no assistance is required.

POST ACCESS:

3.Visitors who need unescorted access into secure areas of the Missi provide proof of a clearance. If level of clearance was not provided country clearance request it should be done by separate cable. The c SSN, and the name of the agency granting the security clearance. Cab the ASEC tag to ensure distribution to the RSO office.

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS USE:
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4.Inter-agency security standards prohibit the introduction or use o owned computer hardware and software at all USG diplomatic facilities palm pilots, radios and other convenience electronics are prohibited the Mission.

5.Travelers who anticipate having special needs in terms of either a computer usage should contact the RSO office before arriving at post.

SECURITY ADVISORY:

6.Since July 9, 2004, the Dutch Government has implemented heightene measures in response to concerns of terrorist activity. U.S. citizen encouraged to monitor media reports, and are reminded to maintain a h vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security aw

Tensions in the Netherlands are high, sparked by the November 2, 2004 Dutch film producer known for his outspoken criticism of Islam; and b 10, 2004 raid on a home of suspected terrorists, which led to an all-ended with the arrest of three individuals and non-fatal injuries to to police. Subsequent arrests were made in connection to this raid and revealed that these suspects had ties to known terrorist groups. The Gov-wide overhaul of its Counter-Terrorism measures, including provid resources to combat violent Islamic radicalism. There have been a se arson attacks directed at mosques and Islamic schools in the Netherla actions against several churches. American citizens should bear in m demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and p into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the ar if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any de

The U.S. Government remains deeply concerned about the heightened pos terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens and interests abroad. As not State?s Worldwide Caution of September 10, 2004, terrorists do not di official and civilian targets. Such targets may include facilities w other foreigners congregate or visit, including residential areas, cl

of worship, schools, hotels and public areas. Terrorist actions may be limited to, suicide operations, assassination, hijackings, bombings or may involve aviation and other transportation and maritime interests.

An area of concern for visitors to the Netherlands is crime. Most criminals are limited to pick-pocketing and purse and luggage theft. Automobiles and hotel rooms are not unknown. Recently, theft of laptops increased, especially at Schiphol Airport and major train stations. Small groups that target travelers. They are determined and well-organized for theft. Official travelers have been victimized, losing personal or work computers, software and data. Travelers are reminded that regulations require the diplomatic pouch for shipment of classified equipment and information.

Streets can be walked in relative safety but, as in any U.S. urban area, vigilance should be exercised especially after dark in the more populated Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Red-light districts and public transport are common locations for incidents of street crimes.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet site <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Cautions, Public and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security is obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., line at 1-31 numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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